

PLANS NEAR COMPLETION

ARMORY CONSTRUCTION PROMISED TO BEGIN SOON.

CHANGES ARE CAUSE OF DELAYS

State Architect Knighton Writes of Progress on Building—Drawings Were Submitted to Military Board August 1.

L. L. Multt, who has taken more than usual interest in the construction of the armory in this city, is in receipt of a letter from State Architect Knighton in which the situation as it now stands is clearly set forth.

Salem, Ore., Aug. 10, 1912. Mr. L. L. Multt, Ashland, Ore.: Dear Mr. Multt: I submitted the drawings to the state military board on the 1st, and, in discussing various features, some changes were decided upon.

In designing the building for the accommodation of the stage and considering all features in connection therewith, made the building cost more than the available funds; even with the minor changes made it will run us pretty close.

I have pointed out to the board the advantage to your building by having the stage, and it may develop that some of the furnishings will have to be omitted until your people can derive some revenue from its use.

I will send two sets of plans and specifications to your city for contractors to estimate on; also Portland and other places requiring plans.

The Rose Festival, Elks' convention and vacation time disorganized my work quite a little, but you will find the plans quite complete, and when the work is finished am confident everybody will be satisfied and the public will feel that they have something for the money invested.

Yours truly, W. C. KNIGHTON.

RATES SUSPENDED.

General Advance in Wool Rates Held Up Temporarily.

The state railroad commission Monday received an important notice from the interstate commerce commission concerning the recent wool rates case.

Specifically, the cases were: The Oregon Railroad Commission vs. O. R. & N. and the National Wool Growers' Association vs. the O. S. L. The railroads had announced a general advance of wool rates on eastern shipments. The growers contested the advance, and when the state commission decided against the railroads the controversy was taken to the national tribunal.

In the decision of the latter court it is ordered that operation of the rates be suspended until a hearing may be held and the question further investigated on several counts.

The hearing is announced for 10 a. m., September 16, at the federal building, Denver, Colo. At this time all parties concerned may appear before the commerce court and testify on the matter.

Wants Plum Specimens.

H. O. Frobach is having difficulty in finding suitable specimens of plums for processing and would be pleased to receive clusters of any variety. The fruit should not be too ripe and should be in clusters, well colored and about right for shipping. They must be brought in on the branch.

Boys' \$3.50 oxfords only \$1.95 during Enders' sale.

BOYS ARE BOUND OVER

Seventeen-Year-Old Youths Plead Guilty to Theft Charge at Ayers Spur Last Sunday.

Lawrence Brooks and Thomas Monk, two 17-year-old youths of Salem, were arraigned in Justice Hunt's court this morning, and pled guilty to the theft of a quantity of clothing, a revolver and minor articles at Ayers Spur last Sunday.

The youths made no attempt to deny responsibility for the crime. They stated, however, that the third boy named in the complaint took no active part in the robbery, being nervous and timid over the matter and refusing to enter the building. With this assertion on their part, pursuit of the other boy has been given up. The youths captured are juveniles and will likely be disposed of as such.

TEST CASE STARTED.

State Health Board Sues City of Silverton.

To ascertain whether a corporate city can legally be enjoined from disposing of its sewage into creeks, the water of which is used for domestic purposes or for stock, the state board of health has begun a test case against the city of Silverton, praying the court permanently to enjoin that city from allowing the sewer of the town to empty into Silver creek.

This is the first of a series of test cases that are to be brought in the state for the same purpose. Silver creek, the stream which is involved in the proceedings, flows along well-defined channels, and, according to the complaint, carries 35 feet of water a second, flowing in a northwesterly direction through a thickly populated agricultural district and emptying into Pudding river.

It is alleged that the creek is crossed at various places below the city of Silverton by public highways and county roads, where the water is used for drinking purposes by the traveling public and by stock. Further, it is claimed that residents adjacent to the creek for many years have made use of the water for household purposes.

Sewage and drainage amounting to 12 cubic feet a second is turned into the creek, it is claimed in the complaint of the health department, with the result that the water is corrupted and impaired in quality and the health and lives of the citizens of Marion county and of the traveling public are endangered.

WOOL SEASON CLOSED.

Prices Have Been Good and Trading Active.

The 1912 wool season in Oregon is practically at a close, as nearly the entire clip is out of first hands. Last year at this time the state was fairly well cleaned up of wool, but dealers cannot remember a time when Oregon was so bare of supplies as now. Not over 300,000 pounds are left unsold in the state.

The season has been a most successful one for both grower and dealer. Prices were good at the start and became better as the season progressed. Trading was active from the time the sheep were shorn up to the end of the closing public sale.

The quality was about all that could be desired. The clip, as a whole, was superior to that of 1911, being lighter in shrinkage and better grown. Some sections had the choicest clips the state has ever produced. In numbers of instances growers received 5 cents advance over last year's prices, whereas market conditions indicated an increase of about 1 or 2 cents.

TO DISCUSS SINGLE TAX

Charles H. Shields Will Address Ashland Audience Saturday Evening—Is Author of "Single Tax Exposed."

Following a request from a number of prominent Ashland men that he come to this city to explain and elucidate single tax, Charles H. Shields, secretary of the Oregon Equal Taxation League, will be in this city next Saturday evening.

Mr. Shields will speak in the Chautauqua building at 8:30 p. m. Saturday, August 17, on "Single Tax Exposed."

Mr. Shields is author of the pamphlet, "Single Tax Exposed," which has been read by a large number of residents of this county, and he is at present conducting the campaign against single tax in Oregon which has received comment in some cases and commendation in others from all over the state.

It will be well worth while for both opponents to single tax and those who agree with Mr. Shields to be present at this meeting.

Following his address, Mr. Shields announces that he will be perfectly willing to answer any question propounded to him.

CHILD IS BURNED.

Three-Year-Old Sets Fire to Barn and Loses Life.

A three-year-old boy, the son of C. A. Phillips, was burned to death in a fire at Kerby at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The lad, whose mother died a little over a year ago, was living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hogue. He was out playing in the barn and chicken house Monday afternoon, and evidently had matches in his possession, and started a fire that destroyed both buildings and his own life with them. The body was terribly burned, life being extinct when it was recovered from the burning building.

Cripple Makes Ascent.

John Stankey, Western Union messenger boy of Klamath Falls, Sunday "made a monkey" of timid tourists when, in spite of the fact that he sports an artificial foot, he walked from the rim to the shore of Crater Lake and then, after a boat-ride on the lake, climbed to the top of Wizard Island.

John is well known in Klamath Falls. He delivers messages for the telegraph company during the day, but there are not many who know that his left foot is off at the ankle and that he wears a cork substitute.

ELECTROCUTION BARELY AVERTED

R. A. ALEXANDER GETS TANGLED UP IN LIGHT WIRES—23,000 VOLTS PASSES THROUGH BODY FOR SEVERAL MINUTES

To be held supported upon the top of an electric light pole for five minutes while 23,000 volts of electricity passed through his body was the harrowing experience of R. A. Alexander, lineman for the California & Oregon Power Company, last Tuesday. That he is alive today and with no greater loss than two fingers is due to the nerve and presence of mind of his associate, R. L. Raymer, who, at the time of the contact, was at work on another pole. Mr. Raymer is becoming used to such scenes, as he states that this is the eighth case of the kind he has witnessed, six of whom died. The fact that the amperage was low at the time of the contact saved the victim from instant death.

The accident happened on the high power line on Mountain avenue across Bear creek. Alexander was making a hot wire tap and in order to support himself more firmly upon the pole slipped his left arm through the brace rods that support the arms. In so doing he completed a circuit through the ground wire and 23,000 volts passed through his body. As soon as the circuit was made, Raymer, from the other pole, was attracted by his cries and hurried to his rescue. The time that the current

passed through Alexander's body was that consumed by Raymer in descending from his position and climbing the other pole. When he reached his co-worker he thought he was dead and was obliged forcibly to tear the body away from the wires, at the risk of himself forming a part of the circuit. Alexander, upon reaching the ground, recovered quite speedily and was able to walk into town and out to the hospital. He says his suffering was intense, being conscious the entire time and expecting death to come every second. The mental agony was as great as the physical, the sufferer longing for death and wondering how long it would be delayed. That he escaped with his life is a wonder to the physicians who attended him. Two fingers of his right hand were amputated and he left the hospital yesterday feeling quite himself.

Besides the loss of the two fingers, a slight burn was made in the form of a half moon just over the heart. No serious results will come from this. The fingers were charred to a crisp so that the flesh was broken off in chunks. Alexander came here from Medford some time ago. He is about 25 years of age.

PROGRESSIVES GATHER ON ACCREDITED LIST

Bull Moosers Decide Not to Put County Ticket in the Field—Harry Irwin Central Committeeman.

At Medford Monday night the progressive party was formally launched by the organization of the Jackson County Progressive Central Committee, composed of one member from each precinct in Jackson county.

It was decided that no progressive county ticket would be put in the field, all of the present candidates having been nominated at primaries where a fair expression of the people had been registered.

The meeting was enthusiastic. It reflected the deep interest manifested in Jackson county for the candidacy of Mr. Roosevelt.

Although the notice of the meeting had been but shortly advertised, twenty county precincts were represented at the meeting.

Every precinct in Ashland was represented. Central precinct by N. F. Throne, West Ashland by C. H. Pierce, East Ashland by Bert R. Greer, South Boulevard by T. N. Hill, and South Ashland by C. A. Payne.

A. K. Ware was elected county chairman and George E. Boos secretary. Both officers live at Medford. Harry Irwin of Medford was elected state central committeeman.

The meeting was harmonious throughout. The committee will proceed at once to organize Jackson county, and it is believed that the progressive party will carry the county by a large majority.

MAPS OF CRATER FOREST.

Supervisor Erickson Has 9,000 for Circulation.

The local office of the Crater national forest has just received 9,000 maps of the forest for free distribution. These maps show all roads, trails, ranger stations, hotels, stage line, railroads, telephone lines and cabins inside the forest as well as lake, mountains, and places of interest. The principal roads, towns and cities in Jackson county are shown, making the map invaluable to hunters, campers or travelers in the forest or county. The map was prepared under the direction of Supervisor Erickson. On the back of the folder is much information regarding game laws, board of health laws which apply to mountain streams, and data on the control of fires. The maps are very valuable.

The Crater national forest contains practically all that is left unappropriated of the former hunting grounds of the Indians in this region. It lies in two blocks. The more northerly and larger block extends on the northwest to the crest of the Umpqua mountains and on the northeast to the boundary of the Crater Lake national park. Lake of the Woods, Fish Lake and Four-Mile Lake are in the southern part of this block, which contains the southern end of the Cascade mountains; the basin of Rogue river and its tributaries lies between the Umpqua mountains and the Cascade plateau, and drains them both. The trails which have been constructed by the forest service make available to tourists and pleasure-seekers the trout streams, mountain lakes, hunting grounds, mineral springs and other recreation features, while a mountain road to Crater Lake runs through the forest.

The southern block of the Crater national forest covers the northern end of the Siskiyou mountains, and extends into California to the crest of the divide.

Park Club Dinner.

The ladies of the Chautauqua Park Club will serve dinner and supper in the park club house tomorrow. The popular price of 25 cents will be charged.

Cliff Payne makes bookshelves.

INVESTIGATES HIGHWAY.

A. L. Westgard Passes Through Ashland on Way to San Francisco.

A. L. Westgard, traveling field representative of the American Automobile Association, who at the present time is "strip-mapping" the Pacific highway, passed through Ashland today on his way to San Francisco.

His work upon this particular assignment consists of obtaining the general topography of the country, the condition of the roads and bridges, the nearness of road material and similar data connected with the building of good auto roads. Mr. Westgard is accompanied by his wife and a chauffeur. The party covered 109 miles from Roseburg yesterday.

Before entering upon the work of collaborator on the Pacific highway he marked the trail from New York to Seattle. After arriving at San Francisco he will leave at once over another transcontinental road for New York, returning immediately to Los Angeles, at which place he expects to spend Christmas. He was very enthusiastic over the Rogue river valley.

PIONEER BANKER QUILTS.

C. C. Beekman of Jacksonville Will Give Up Active Work.

After more than fifty years of existence, the pioneer banking house of southern Oregon is to be closed in the near future, according to an announcement by C. C. Beekman, the pioneer banker at Jacksonville. When the banking house finally closes its door one of the most interesting landmarks of this section will pass into history. Mr. Beekman gives his reason for retirement his desire to quit active business. His announcement follows:

"Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, sole owner and proprietor of the Beekman Banking House, at Jacksonville, Ore., on account of advancing years, contemplates retiring from active banking business in the near future. All those having moneys on deposit in said bank or who have entrusted valuable documents or papers to its keeping are therefore requested to call and receive the same at their convenience. In this connection I desire to thank the many patrons of the bank for the long-continued trust and confidence and patronage extended to it during the course of the more than fifty years of its existence.—C. C. Beekman, Jacksonville, Ore."

Notice.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned will please call and settle without further notice. 23-61 S. T. SONGER, M. D.

WILL MAKE PILGRIMAGE

Nobles of Hillah Temple Looking Forward to Trip to Roseburg and Coos Bay, August 31.

Great preparations are being made for the pilgrimage that is to be made by nobles of Hillah Temple to Roseburg and Coos Bay, August 31 to September 3. Shriners from the south and east will join the caravan at Ashland, while those from the north will join at various points en route.

Half a dozen autos bearing Shriners and their ladies are signed up to go from Ashland and scores will go by train. Ashland Shriners who already have their "name in the pot" for the event are Messrs. Cornelius, Sherwin, Simpson, Wagner, Routledge, Dann, McNair, Harry Bates, Vaupe, Reynolds, Bowers, Poor, Bolton, Briggs, Wick, Butler, Cyester, C. F. Bates, Carter, Staples, Dunn, Swendenburg, McKee, McLeod, Burns, Multt, Hurt, Livingston, Sanderson and Winter.

Ceremonials will be held at both Roseburg and Marshfield. At the latter place a big class of unregenerate sons of the desert will be led across the hot sands. The ceremonial at Roseburg will be Saturday evening, August 31, and the one at Marshfield Tuesday evening, September 3. A feature of the Marshfield event will be a clam bake on the seashore. Imperial Potentate William Colvig has appointed the following committees: Program—F. D. Wagner and E. T. Staples. General arrangements on caravan from Ashland—L. M. Multt, E. V. Carter, E. T. Staples, J. A. Perry, W. C. Leever, Stunts—J. G. Hurt, D. B. Grant, F. C. Routledge, C. E. Gates, R. H. Burns.

Special Train Excursion.

A special excursion train will leave Grants Pass Sunday, August 18, at 6 a. m., Medford 7:15 a. m., stopping at intermediate points to take on and let off passengers for Dunsmuir, Shasta Springs and other mountain resorts, returning same day. A one fare for round trip has been made and plenty of roomy, wide and easy-riding coaches will be furnished.

Bulletin Ready.

Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., has for distribution a number of copies of bulletins issued by the bureau of mines and of particular interest to managers of power plants, coal mines, metal mines, or quarries, and he will be glad upon application to send a copy to any person interested therein.

Interesting to young people and some others: Get your marriage license of Billings. Mum is his motto. 23-4t

TAFT VETOES STEEL BILL

BUT HOUSE PASSES IT THREE HOURS LATER.

PRESIDENT'S ACTION EXPECTED

Vote Was 173 to 83—Fifty-nine Allied Industries Said to Be Affected By Measure—Is Second Veto of Steel Measure.

Washington, August 14.—Within three hours after President Taft had sent the steel tariff bill back to congress, with a message of disapproval, the house today passed it over his veto. The vote was 173 to pass it, 83 against it, and one present and not voting. It is not expected to re-pass the senate.

As soon as the president's veto message had been read, the house democrats began an attempt to re-pass it over the executive's disapproval. The republican leaders entered upon a determined fight against the plan and a long debate was precipitated.

In a message to congress the president said he disapproved the measure because it provided for revenue only and took no account of protection for American industries. He condemned the ways and means committee for refusing public hearings on the bill. His veto was expected.

Mr. Taft gave as another reason for his veto that the bill affected not only the iron and steel industry but 59 allied industries, which, he said, were worth separate classification. Mr. Taft wrote he was not prepared to say there were no items in the steel schedule which ought not to be reduced, but he pointed out that its ad valorem rate was an apparent reduction of 15 per cent from the duties of the Wilson bill.

"A bill for a complete revision of this schedule was presented to me a year ago in the extra session of this congress," wrote the president.

"Many increases and decreases of rates are now made from those named in the former measure. The changes are not explained and indicate the hasty method pursued in the preparation of both. Is it not fair to ask, either on the basis of protection or revenue, which was right?"

"On the whole, therefore, I am not willing to approve of legislation of this kind, which vitally affects not only millions of working men and the families dependent on them, but hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of stocks of goods in the hands of storekeepers and distributors generally, without first providing for a careful and disinterested inquiry into the conditions of the whole industry."

WILL DEFEND MEASURE.

F. E. Coulter to Speak in Ashland Monday Evening on Single Tax—Invites Debate.

E. J. Kaiser of this city is in receipt of a letter from Frank E. Coulter announcing that the latter will be in Ashland next Monday evening and address an audience on the merits of the single tax. Mr. Coulter is an exponent of the initiative measure that will be before the people this fall and is prepared to shed light on the subject. Mr. Coulter states that he will debate the subject with anyone who wishes to meet him on the platform here and will welcome such debate. It is understood the socialists have asked for an opportunity to debate the subject and efforts are being made to have other parties take issue with Mr. Coulter Monday night. The public is cordially invited.

Meeting Postponed.

The business meeting of the Young People's City Union, which was scheduled for last Monday evening, was postponed for one week and will be held next Monday evening in the Baptist church.

Park Club Dinner.

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COUNTY COURT REPORT

Grind of the Jackson County Court Mostly Routine Work for Last Week.

Circuit Court—John K. Thomas et al. vs. Margaret Mitchell, suit for foreclosure.—Jennie B. Barnes vs. Lewis Barnes, suit for divorce.—A. Creason vs. Arthur H. Woodin et al., suit for foreclosure.—Eva Fisher vs. J. M. Fisher, suit for divorce.

Probate—Order appointing J. M. Stephens, admitting will of Lizzie Hale, deceased, to probate.—Bond of E. A. Rosenbaum, administrator estate Leroy Cardue, deceased, filed.—Petition for sale of personal property estate Susan Helman, deceased, filed.—Inventory and appraisement estate H. E. Stone, deceased, filed.

Marriage Licenses—Floyd L. Edgings and Dora Caine, Gold Hill.—Albert T. Brown and Jeannette Osgood, Medford.—Hugh Hayes and Jessie Bailey, Central Point.

Scale receipts at Tidings office.